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FOR THE ELABORATION OF A CONVENTION TO
COMBAT DESERTIFICATION IN THOSE COUNTRIES
EXPERIENCING SERIOUS DROUGHT AND/OR
DESERTIFICATION, PARTICULARLY IN AFRICA (INCD)
Third session
New York, 17-28 January 1994
Agenda item 1

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Provisional Agenda

Note by the Secretariat

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

2. Elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa

3. Review of the situation as regards extrabudgetary funds

   (a) Special Voluntary Fund to support the participation of developing countries affected by drought and desertification, particularly the least developed countries

   (b) Trust Fund for the negotiating process

4. Adoption of the provisional agenda for the fourth session and organization of work for the final stages of negotiations

5. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its third session

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Annotations to the agenda

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The Committee, at its second session (Geneva, 13-24 September 1993), approved the provisional agenda for the second session, as contained in decision 2/5 of the Report of the Second Session (A/48/226/Add.1).

The provisional agenda for the third meeting is submitted for adoption.

The Plenary will hear statements from ministerial representatives of INCD Member countries, Heads of UN Agencies and the Chairman of the Committee. After these statements, the Executive Secretary of the INCD Secretariat will introduce the Secretariat document A/AC.241/15.

The provisional work programme (Annex I) provides further details on the organization of work to be undertaken by the Committee. The proposed schedule for consideration of each sub-section in the two Working Groups mirrors the order of sub-sections in document A/AC.241/15. Consideration of the Regional Instrument for Africa in Working Group II will be dealt with on the basis of a conference room paper that will be circulated early in the session.

The Committee might have to consider an additional list/s of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) recommended for accreditation for the negotiating process of the Convention.

2. Elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa

The Committee will have before it the document prepared by the Secretariat (A/AC.241/15), which integrates proposals made by Governments in document A/AC.241/12 during and after the second session into a draft convention for consideration by the Committee. The Committee may wish to give further guidance to the Secretariat on the elaboration of the draft of the convention.

3. Review of the situation as regards extrabudgetary funds

(a) Special Voluntary Fund to support the participation of developing countries affected by drought and desertification, particularly in the least developed countries

(b) Trust Fund for the negotiating process

The Committee will have before it the document (A/AC.241/16) submitted by the Secretariat indicating the present status of the two funds.

4. Adoption of the provisional agenda for the fourth session and organization of work for the final stages of negotiations

The Committee will have before it a note by the Secretariat on the draft provisional agenda for its fourth session.

5. Adoption of the report of the Committee on its third session

The Committee will adopt a report on its third session.

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List of Documents for the third session of the Committee

A/AC.241/14	Provisional Agenda
A/AC.241/15	Negotiating Text of The Convention
A/AC.241/16	Review of the situation as regards extrabudgetary funds
A/AC.241/9/Add.4	List of Non-Governmental Organizations recommended for accreditation
A/48/226/Add.1	Report of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa, on its second session
A/AC.241/...	Format and Elements of a Regional Instrument for Africa (to be submitted during meeting)

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Annex I

PROVISIONAL WORK PROGRAMME

Date	Working Group I	Working Group II
Monday, 17 January		
AM 10:00	**Plenary**	
PM 15:00	Preamble	Definitions
Tuesday, 18 January		
AM 10:00	Principles, Objectives	Technology Transfer and Cooperation
PM 15:00	Commitments	Research and Development
Wednesday, 19 January		
AM 10:00	National and Regional Action Programmes	Information Collection, Analysis and Exchange
PM 15:00	National and Regional Action Programmes	Institutions
Thursday, 20 January		
AM 10:00	Capacity Building & Education and Public Awareness	Procedures and Final Clauses
PM 15:00	Financial Resources and Mechanisms	Definitions
Friday, 21 January		
AM 10:00	Financial Resources and Mechanisms	Technology Transfer and Cooperation
PM 15:00	Preamble	Research and Development

Date	Working Group I	Working Group II
Monday, 24 January AM 10:00	Plenary	
PM 15:00	Principles and Objectives Commitments	Information Collection, Analysis and Exchange / Institutions and Procedures
Tuesday, 25 January AM 10:00	National and Regional Action Programmes	Regional Instrument for Africa
PM 15:00	National and Regional Action Programmes	Regional Instrument for Africa
Wednesday, 26 January AM 10:00	Capacity Building & Education and Public Awareness	Regional Instrument for Africa
PM 15:00	Financial Resources and Mechanisms	Regional Instrument for Africa
Thursday, 27 January AM 10:00	Financial Resources and Mechanisms	Regional Instrument for Africa
PM 15:00	**Adoption of Report of Working Group**	**Adoption of Report of Working Group**
Friday, 28 January AM 10:00	Plenary	
PM 15:00	Plenary	